

PUBLIC SAFETY & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Of the

Suffolk County Legislature

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Public Information Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on June 20, 2006.

Members Present:

Legislator Jack Eddington • Chairman
Legislator Kate Browning • Vice•Chair
Legislator Wayne Horsley
Legislator Vivian Vilorio•Fisher
Legislator Joseph Caracappa
Legislator Jay Schneiderman

Members Not Present:

Legislator Daniel Losquadro

Also In Attendance:

George Nolan • Counsel to the Legislature
Ian Barry • Assistant Counsel to the Legislature
Rich Baker • Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
Robert Calarco • Aide to Legislator Eddington
Robert Knight • Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay
Paul Perillie • Aide to Majority Leader
Linda Bay • Aide to Minority Lindsay
Seth Squicciarino • Aide to Legislator Vilorio•Fisher
Jim Maggio • Budget Review Office
Jill Moss • Budget Review Office

Ben Zwirn • Assistant County Executive
James Dahroug • County Executive Assistant
Brian Beedenbender • County Executive Assistant
Dennis Brown • Bureau Chief/County Attorney's Office
Robert Moore • Chief of Department/Suffolk County Police Department
Aristedes Mojica • Inspector/Chief of Dept's Office/SCPD
Robert Scharf • Lieutenant/Support Services/SCPD
Jack Ozer • Sergeant/Firearms Training/SCPD
Timothy Grauer • Lieutenant/Transportation Division/SCPD
Vincent Maronski • Chief of Patrol/SCPD
Frank Stallone • Deputy Inspector/Detective Division/SCPD.
Robert Haack • Detective Sergeant/Detective Division/SCPD
William Kessler • Detective/Vehicle Theft/SCPD
Tom Henry • Suffolk County Probation Department
Danny DelValle • Vice•President/Probation Officer's Association.
Laura Ahearn • Executive Director/Parents for Megan's Law
Hope Collazo • Director/Community Service Program•American Red Cross
Debbie Eppel • Public Information Office
Bill Mulligan • Present/Superior Officer's Association
Catherine Hoake • Suffolk County League of Women Voters
Mary McLaughlin • Suffolk County League of Women Voters
Sandy Sullivan • Legislative Liaison/AME
All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken By:

Alison Mahoney • Court Stenographer

(*The meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M.*)

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay, I would like get started with the Public Safety Committee. We'll start with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Browning, please.

Salutation

Please remain standing for a moment of silence for a volunteer firefighter, Michael Green from West Babylon who gave his life in service this week.

Moment of Silence Observed

Okay, thank you very much. I would just like to put on the record that Legislator Losquadro asked for an excused absence.

I don't have any presentations, but I would like to have Bill Kessler and Tom Henry to come forward and address the Stop DWI Violence Program that we're ••

MR. HENRY:

Domestic Violence.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Domestic violence. Good morning, gentlemen.

MR. HENRY:

Good morning, sir.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

So tell us about this grant.

MR. HENRY:

There's a grant of \$10,000 that came from DCJS, the State, to be used to build devices to protect women in domestic violence situations.

The grant came to us rather late in the year, it arrived in Probation the middle of April, we forwarded it to the County Attorney's Office for approval and it just got back to us about the middle of June. The reason for the CN on this grant is the deadline for spending the money is July 31st, and obviously the next general session of the Legislature is the only chance we have to accept the money.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Excellent. Anything •• I don't see a problem with that, then. Is there anything else that you wanted to tell us?

MR. KESSLER:

Not unless anybody has any questions as to exactly what these devices are used for.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Jack, what number is this; is this 1709?

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

It's going to be laid on the table, it's not here. Tell us a little bit about how they're going to be used and what are the devices.

MR. KESSLER:

Well, actually they're known as panic alarms, they're used exclusively throughout Suffolk County. We have about 117 of them now, I think 72 of them are out in the field for domestic violence purposes, the others are used for life and death situations to protect anybody in the County that has a real threat. We also use them for intrusion purposes, too, there have been a number of burglaries or whatever in the area we can set them up. I don't know if anybody has ••

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

A lot like the home security where they may have a panic button in the house, that type of thing?

MR. KESSLER:

It's similar to it, but it's actually more effective; instead of going to a central station, it goes right to the CAD system and 911 and they're dispatched forthwith.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay, thank you. Any questions?

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Yes, I just have a question.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Legislator Fisher.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Thank you. Currently there are not•for•profits that collect cell phones for victims of domestic violence to use those; would it be helpful for potential victims to have both of these devices or would these new devices preclude their using the cell phones anymore?

MR. KESSLER:

These devices would really benefit the people much more so than a cell phone. In the past we have dealt with the cell phone, but it actually caused a problem where they weren't charging them and keeping them in operating condition and if they did need them the County was sort of liable for an inoperative device which we wanted to stay away from.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

I see.

MR. KESSLER:

So these devices are constantly running and if the power goes off we have backup batteries inside of the case that keep these alarms working so if they do have a problem, even without power it's going to function.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

So they're wired.

MR. KESSLER:

Yes, they are, they're hard•wired.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. Thank you very much, gentlemen.

MR. HENRY:

Thank you.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

So this would be a CN?

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Yeah. Okay, I'd like to start with the agenda. I have no cards. Anybody want to address us?

Tabled Resolutions

Okay, we're going to start with Tabled Resolution, ***IR 1048•06 • A Local Law strengthening the procedures and remedies of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission (Mystal)***. The public hearing was recessed so we'll have to table that.

LEG. BROWNING:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion to table by Legislator Browning.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Horsley. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***Tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro)***.

IR 1229•06 • A Local Law to provide fair and equitable cost containment for residents in certain Emergency Service Districts (Schneiderman).

LEG. BROWNING:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion to table by Legislator Browning. Do I have a second?

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Viloria•Fisher. All those in favor?

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

On the motion.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

On the motion, Legislator Schneiderman.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Yeah, I don't have to repeat the situation. We're all well aware of the inequity that exists, particularly in Flanders. The County Executive has been trying to address this inequity and if we have more information •• that's why it's been tabled in the past, to allow the County Executive time to resolve this issue, so if we can hear from Mr. Zwirn.

MR. ZWIRN:

I have been waiting for a call from Legislator Schneiderman's Office, we were going to set up a meeting with the district and talk about some of the issues that they had and to see how we could help in other ways to try to give them a hand.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Is Eric here? Because maybe there has •• I imagine there's been some effort to try to set up to that meeting, we'll find out. I'll look into it, so we'll ••

MR. ZWIRN:

Okay, just let me know, we're ready to go any time, just let us know.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. So Legislator Schneiderman, your office is going to take care of that?

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

We'll reach out. I think they may have already but I will find •• Eric stepped out of the room so I can't get an update on that.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay, great. Okay, so then on the motion to table; all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Thank you, ***tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).***

IR 1253•06 • Establishing a task force to study feasibility of eliminating illegal drag racing by establishing a legal drag strip in Suffolk County (Cooper). This has been asked to be tabled by the sponsor.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion to table by Legislator Horsley.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***Tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).***

IR 1257•06 • Creating the Suffolk County Identity Theft Task Force (Romaine). Legislator Fisher.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Mr. Chair, at the beginning of the year we had people from the Police Department and from the District Attorney's Office speak to this issue, and it was my understanding that we might ask someone to come forward again and tell us what's going on. The reason I make a motion to table this is because I believe that this is already being done. Is there anyone here who perhaps could tell us a little bit about what's going on?

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Actually, the Chief of Detectives •• oh, okay, Chief Moore. Thank you.

MR. ZWIRN:

If I might, just before the Chief sits down. We had Chief Rau here at the last meeting and he was prepared to speak on what was going on, but the committee didn't have a chance, we were busy and it was a long agenda and he didn't get a chance; naturally this week he's not here.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

He's made it clear to me and I think the other Legislators that they are working on that and they have been for quite a while now.

MR. ZWIRN:

As Legislator Vilorina•Fisher ••

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

I just wanted it on the record again, that indeed this is going on.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Yes.

MR. ZWIRN:

And the District Attorney himself appeared at that committee and said that he thought this was unnecessary.

CHIEF MOORE:

Good afternoon. I'm Robert Anthony Moore, Chief of Department, Suffolk County Police Department. And as Mr. Zwirn had said and Ms. Vilorina•Fisher as well, as you can see from IR 1257, the District Attorney

or a designee from his office is to be chair and yet the District Attorney sees no reason for this piece of legislation to go forward. He's very comfortable with the response of the Police Department and his office and the cooperation between those offices and the other credit card companies, Federal agencies, State agencies.

The Police Department, for it's part, has had for quite some time now an Identity Theft Task Force, and by the way, a successful one. There have been a number of elected officials in Suffolk County who have been victims of identity theft and I think nearly a hundred percent arrest rate on those issues.

So again, we can't speak for the District Attorney, but certainly from the perspective of the Suffolk County Police Department, we're very comfortable with what's currently being done in this arena.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

You know, you spoke about an arrest rate, so that would imply a reactive mode, but I'm assuming that there's also a proactive mode to the existing task force.

CHIEF MOORE:

Yes, thank you, and the proactive mode is broad•ranging. It's not left merely to the Identity Task •• the Identity Theft Section to help the public to understand how they can be victimized and what they can do about it. We're very fortunate in that we have a very close relationship with the banking system in Suffolk County and banking officials. And Suffolk County Detectives are frequent guest lecturers at senior citizens complexes, because as you may know, they are the largest victim group. Our COPE officers have spent ••

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

(Inaudible).

LEG. HORSLEY:

I think it may be ••

CHIEF MOORE:

I'm sorry.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

I said does that mean that Legislator Horsley is getting old?

CHIEF MOORE:

Not at all.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Oh, yeah.

CHIEF MOORE:

We also provide lectures to youth groups, too. But yes, the Police Department is proactive when it comes to crime abatement, and certainly identity theft is one of those areas. We have cards and fliers that we issue to our officers, that we issue to the public, there's a tremendous amount of information exchange. Anyone who wanted us to speak to any group at a moment's notice about what they can do, I myself have been on the radio and television programs talking about what we call target hardening, ways an individual or an institution can better protect itself against this type of offense.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Thank you very much. What I might ask you to do, if you could jot down some of that information, send it over to Legislator Romaine because he might then feel comfortable enough to pull this and we won't keep tabling it because you're already doing it; if that's possible.

CHIEF MOORE:

Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay, thank you very much. Okay, on the tabling motion by Legislator

Viloria•Fisher; do I have a second?

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).

IR 1648 ••

LEG. HORSLEY:

1296.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

No, ***1296•06 • A Local Law establishing responsible standards and controls for alarm systems that require Police Department response (Cooper).*** The public hearing was recessed so we need a tabling motion.

LEG. BROWNING:

Table.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion by Legislator Viloria •• by Legislator Browning. Second?

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

That's okay, we look alike. I'll second it.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Legislator Viloria•Fisher. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).

IR 1648•06 • A Local Law establishing regulations for scrap metal dealers (County Executive). The public hearing was closed.

Okay, but I'm going to ask Counsel to respond on this.

MR. NOLAN:

I just want to point out to the committee that in our Rule 28, it pointed out two relatively minor drafting errors in the law, what we considered errors. One, this is the least important problem, is that it could •• it defines two terms, scrap metal processing facility as scrap processor, those terms don't appear anywhere in the body of the law.

More problematically, the license requirement section, section three, references the provisions of this article and Article I, basically saying that people have to comply with this article and Article I before they can be licensed. The law doesn't contain any articles, it's unclear what Article I is and I think it would probably be a mistake to have the law codified this way.

So I think we should table this particular resolution so those changes can be made. Those clarifications would not be substantive, they would be clarifications and cleaning up the meaning of the law unless it could be done and passed later.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion to table by Legislator Schneiderman. Do I have a second?

LEG. HORSLEY:

Second.

LEG. BROWNING:

I'll second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
Tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).

Introductory Resolutions

1686•06 • Amending the 2006 Capital Budget and Program and

appropriating funds in connection with the purchase of a replacement helicopter in the Police Department (CP 3117) (Schneiderman).

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion to table.

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

Didn't we just do this?

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Actually I'd like to speak on this motion. It's my understanding, Chief, that we are purchasing one right now.

CHIEF MOORE:

Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

And my understanding was we agreed on one so that we don't get caught up in having two lemons at the same time, we want to get one and then get a second; is that the plan?

CHIEF MOORE:

In 2001, as you know, the Suffolk County Police Department purchased two medevac helicopters within a month of each other; that was perhaps one of the great blunders, fiscal blunders committed by the Suffolk County Police Department and we just don't want to do that again. We do have a helicopter that is due to be delivered, we're within let's say two months and we'd be far more comfortable assuring ourselves that this is an appropriate piece of equipment for the Suffolk County Police Department before proceeding with a major and massive purchase.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. With that in mind then •• did you want to speak on it?
Yes, Legislator.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

One of the blunders that you're speaking of is they're still in our fleet, right?

CHIEF MOORE:

No, sir.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

So the idea behind this resolution would be to trade that one in and pick up a fully functioning medevac helicopter, full-size medevac helicopter.

CHIEF MOORE:

Yeah.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'm wondering if there would be some advantage when you're buying one to buy two in terms of getting some kind of bulk discount in doing so.

MR. ZWIRN:

Well, I think the answer to that is yes, you probably would save money buying two at the same time. But the last time the County bought two at the same time, we're talking about helicopters that were less than desirable over the period.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Right, but I'm hoping we do our homework this time and we're buying from a reputable vendor a machine that's been tested in the field. I think last time we were sold a bill of goods ••

MR. ZWIRN:

Well, we want to make sure we're not sold a bill of goods a second time. I think that the Legislature, in all fairness, I mean, I certainly wasn't here and I imagine most of the Legislators weren't here, but when they did it they probably did their due diligence and the County Executive went out •• they didn't go out of his way to go buy two lemons, you know, with taxpayer dollars, but we're just trying to just be ••

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Something doesn't make sense, though. The one helicopter that you're buying, the MD-902, I wouldn't want to go spend that kind of money on a

new clunker, we wouldn't be buying it unless it's a well tested, reputable helicopter; is that correct? We're not taking a chance on this MD•902, right, this is a known entity.

CHIEF MOORE:

The MD•902 is one of the current helicopters.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's the state•of•the•art medevac helicopter, right, it's what other areas are using?

CHIEF MOORE:

No, the EC•145.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Which one?

CHIEF MOORE:

The other one, sir, the EC•145 is the newer one.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Oh, that's •• okay.

CHIEF MOORE:

Yes, the MD•902 is the ••

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

See and you're doing your homework.

MR. ZWIRN:

That's right, you've done your due diligence and we're buying another clunker.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Oh, right, the MD•902 is the old one, is the clunker. Okay, and say it again, the EC ••

CHIEF MOORE:

One four five.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

One four five; and that's the industry standard, right?

CHIEF MOORE:

Well, it is ••

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

How did we arrive at that helicopter?

CHIEF MOORE:

Through the bid process.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

What's that?

MR. ZWIRN:

It goes through a process, it goes out to •• specifications are written, it goes out to bid.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Do we have any reason to believe that that is not a good helicopter?

MR. ZWIRN:

The argument is not that it's •• this argument could have been made, you know, five years ago, six years ago when they bought the first two. All we're trying to do is be prudent and not •• it may cost us a little more money, they saved money by buying two of the same kind the last time and in the long run it did not serve the taxpayers of this County well. This time we're just trying to be a little more prudent.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

I just want to make sure we're not just trying to save money on a public safety issue, because we know we need those helicopters. We want to have

the best fleet that's out there and if we can get four good helicopters, we know we need them, I think its •• you know, the time is now. God forbid something happens this summer where we could have used that helicopter. We know we've got a clunker, it's been called a clunker, you called it a blunder or whatever the word you used that we made in the past, let's get rid of it. Let's get rid of it; why keep it in our fleet? And that's what this is trying to do.

MR. ZWIRN:

Well, but it is operating. I mean, it's not optimum but it is operating and serving the people of the County. But our •• you know, the question is that do you do •• we don't want to make •• repeat history and then have the Legislature three or four years from now saying, "Well, you know, you bought two for one and you got •• you did it twice in a row, you didn't learn anything the first time."

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

If there's really some question about this new helicopter, I don't understand why we're buying it. We ought to be buying ••

MR. ZWIRN:

There was no question. I think about ••

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

•• a well•tested helicopter from a reputable company that we know is going to work, we shouldn't be guessing here.

MR. ZWIRN:

McDonnell Douglas was a good company. I mean, you've flown in their jets, I mean, they •• McDonnell Douglas is not a fly•by•night outfit that they just found, you know, on the internet or E•Bay, I mean, these are legitimate companies, but it just didn't work in a municipal setting.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay, thank you very much. Legislator Browning.

LEG. BROWNING:

Yeah, one of the things •• my husband is a helicopter pilot, so believe me, I've been asking a lot of questions about helicopters. I know the MD, like the A•Star, you can take a seat out to make it a medevac and this is a medevac. And I know there was a problem with getting parts for the MD's, but I believe at this time that's no longer a problem; is that correct?

CHIEF MOORE:

Currently all four helicopters are in service, that is the two MD•902's and the two A•Stars which are the smaller helicopters, yes.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay. So they do get the parts to fix them, there was a problem at one time but not anymore, correct?

CHIEF MOORE:

No, getting parts is a problem, and it's one of the reasons that we have concerns about putting all of our eggs in one basket, if you will. You know, sir, Mr. Schneiderman, any argument you could make we really couldn't dispute, but unfortunately, that's the same set of arguments we could have made back in 2001. I don't think anyone disagrees that we want to have the best equipment available for the people of Suffolk. But for our part, when we purchased the MD•902's, we were fully confident in their ability to do the job. There was nothing to suggest to the Suffolk County Police Department at the time that they couldn't perform and that didn't turn out to be the case in part because I would imagine the design •• and again, I'm not an expert so I really shouldn't even be speaking to that, but in part because the company which was a very strong company at one time began to suffer a series of business problems which made their ability to service helicopters very poor. So obtaining parts in a timely manner became a major undertaking for the Suffolk County Police Department.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Thank you. Legislator Caracappa.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

I'll defer to Legislator Schneiderman.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

No, I was just going to say, and that continues to be a problem with the MD •902's.

CHIEF MOORE:

Yes, sir.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

And yet we're going to keep one, we'll have three •• well, the A•Star, the 90 •• two A•Stars, one MD•902 and one of the new helicopters.

CHIEF MOORE:

Yes.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

So we'll have three different sets of parts, three different places we're going to have to go to get those parts. And you know you've got problems with the MD•902, so it seems like it makes sense to replace it when you still continue to have part problems. You know, in your mind, how long do we wait with it? How long are we going to test this new one; is it a month or two months or a year before we replace the •• it just seems to me that the 902 needs to be replaced now, I don't understand why we're not doing it.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Yes, that would be nice.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Thank you. No one could have seen the problems coming with the 902's back when we did our due diligence. And I could tell you, for buying helicopters back then, we did our due diligence probably more so than we do on any other item. We hired a consultant, we had a special committee; in

fact, I remember ••

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

We road in them.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

We road in them, that's right, and they were well received, the 902's. And I believe as vessels now they're still well received by the Aviation Unit, aside from the parts problem which, again, we could not foresee from a company as reputable at the time as McDonnell Douglas, as the Chief was saying. There's no saying that that could happen now again with Eurocopter or any other company in the aviation business nowadays. It's a tough business and anything could happen.

So I think taking our time, buying one vessel at this point in time, based on our past problems and not being able to forecast the future in the aviation business, it's probably just best to see how one performs, how one company performs and then if they do do well we move on. Because, again, we did everything we could both as a Legislature, the County Executive's Office back then and even the Police Department.

We tried to avoid this and we did everything we could to avoid it, but sometimes you just can't tell. So the most prudent course at this point in time is to evaluate one on its performance and then go get the second one. So, you know, putting all politics aside, it's just the way to go right now based on our past history.

CHIEF MOORE:

Thank you, sir. Now, interestingly enough, Mr. Chair •• I'm sorry.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

I thought my voice was echoing out there.

CHIEF MOORE:

The MD•902 at the time was •• prior to that we had a helicopter called the BK•117 and the MD•902 was the replacement for the BK•117; the BK•117 now has a new improved model and it's being renamed the EC•145.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Oh, okay. Okay, thank you. Legislator Horsley?

LEG. HORSLEY:

Yeah, I just had a quick question. And I agree with the buy one at a time approach. Back when you bought the MD•902, were all the services on board with that? Because someone told me that the firematic services and EMS groups and stuff like that were opposed to the McDonnell Douglas helicopter; do you know anything about that?

CHIEF MOORE:

I'm sorry, sir, at the time I wasn't in a position to ••

LEG. HORSLEY:

Okay. What they had told me was, "Well, you know, it was a matter of bidding. We really didn't like them right from the beginning." I just wanted to make sure that everybody is on board this time; is everybody in agreement that this is the right purchase?

CHIEF MOORE:

Well, the Suffolk County Police Department is very comfortable with that. And as you know, the medevac helicopters fly with support personnel ••

LEG. HORSLEY:

Right.

CHIEF MOORE:

•• from Stony Brook and they're pretty exposed to hopping right in all also.

LEG. HORSLEY:

They're okay? All right, I just want to make sure everybody is on board.

CHIEF MOORE:

Yes.

LEG. HORSLEY:

So to speak; as it were, yes. Thanks.

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

With the EC•145 they're on board.

CHIEF MOORE:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Now, I don't know, do we have a motion on this?

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion to table by Legislator Viloría•Fisher.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Horsley. All those in favor? Opposed?

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

One opposed. Abstentions? ***Tabled (VOTE: 5•1•0•1 Opposed: Legislator Schneiderman • Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).***

LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:

The sponsor, yeah.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay, ***IR 1687***, I hope you have the amended version of this, ***Amending the 2006 Capital Budget and program and appropriating funds in connection with the purchase of heavy duty equipment for the***

Sheriffs Office (CP 3047)(Alden). Do I have a motion?

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

It's not for integrated land ••

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

It should be on the new copy.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Motion.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion to approve.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
Approved (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).

IR 1709•06 • Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$39,525 from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the Suffolk County Police Department to fund the Traffic Safety Corridor Enforcement Program 2006 with 84.49% support (County Executive).

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Interesting percent.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Yeah. Motion?

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

I'll make a motion.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion to approve by Legislator Viloría•Fisher, and second by Legislator Horsley. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).**

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Take the money.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

IR 1734•06 • Amending the 2006 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with the firearms training section drainage project (CP 3161) (Losquadro).

LEG. BROWNING:

I'll make a motion.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion by Legislator Browning. I'll second that. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).**

1779•06 • Amending the 2006 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with the Probation Officers Remote Access System (CP 3048) (County Executive).

LEG. BROWNING:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion to approve by Legislator Browning. Second? I'll second that. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).**

IR 1789•06 • To amend Resolution No. 77•2005 to extend the deadline for the "Safe Communities Initiative" Task Force (Cooper).

Do I have a motion?

LEG. HORSLEY:

Motion.

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion by Legislator Viloría•Fisher, second by Legislator Horsley.

All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***Approved (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).***

IR 1795•06 • Accepting and appropriating 100% Federal grant funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to the Suffolk County Probation Department and the Sheriff's Office (County Executive).

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Motion to place on the consent calendar.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay, motion to approve and put on the consent calendar by Legislator Viloría•Fisher, second by Legislator Schneiderman. All those in favor?

Opposed? Abstentions? ***Approved and placed on the consent calendar (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).***

IR 1810•06 • Extend deadline for the Task Force to Increase Minority Representation on the Suffolk County Police Force (Montano).

LEG. VILORIA•FISHER:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion by Legislator Vilorio•Fisher.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
Approved (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).

Memorializing Resolutions

MR 42 • Memorializing Resolution in support of extending the statute of limitations for sex crimes against children (Eddington).

LEG. BROWNING:

That's yours, make a motion.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. BROWNING:

I'll second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning.

LEG. BROWNING:

Cosponsor.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***Approved (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).***

MR 49 • Memorializing Resolution in support of protecting Suffolk County citizens from sexually violent predators (Assembly Bill A. 3394) (Eddington). I'll make a motion to approve, second by Legislator

Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Approved (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).

LEG. BROWNING:

Cosponsor.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

MR 52 • Memorializing Resolution in support of exclusion of child sexual abuse from the definition of the crime of incest(Eddington).

I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Approved (VOTE: 6•0•0•1 Not Present: Legislator Losquadro).

Okay, I think that concludes. I would just like to see if we could all get a personal timer like Legislator Caracappa has so we can keep our brief statements. And a motion to adjourn.

LEG. BROWNING:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion by Legislator Browning, second by Legislator Vilorio•Fisher. Thank you.

(*The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 P.M.*)

***Legislator Jack Eddington, Chairman
Public Safety & Public Information Committee***

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